



12th May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you had a lovely weekend in the amazing weather we had. I know many of you will have been involved in street parties and celebrations of the 80th anniversary of VE day as communities came together, as they did in the celebration at the end of the war to remember those lost and cherish the importance of collective effort and mutual support.

This week, that feels particularly resonant for our school community as today we will be holding a gathering to remember one of our former students Jader Rojas Douglas who sadly passed away before Christmas, having planted a tree and set a plaque as a memorial to him next to the Bridge. We are also collating a book of condolence for the former student in year 8 who was tragically killed in a car accident at Easter. Details for this have been shared with his year group, but if you would like to add to this please let us know.

One of the groups that work really hard to bring our community together here at Warlingham and raise funds to help improve it are our amazing PTA and I wanted to share a few upcoming events and ways that you can support them and the school.

Firstly, we have a PTA quiz night on the 22nd May which promises to be great fun with a new 'beat the intro' music round and much more. We will be drawing the PTA raffle on that evening too and don't forget you can purchase raffle tickets or donate raffle prizes at reception. The PTA met with the student leadership team and the students requested the PTA raise money for new gym equipment – so all quiz teams and raffle entrants are contributing to what the students feel will improve their experience at school.

If your child, like mine, is going through a growth spurt and they need new uniform don't forget you can donate your old uniform to our pre-loved stock in student services as well as replace it with pre-loved from there too. The PTA are now accepting pre-loved book and textbook donations too which can also be handed in at Student Services or reception. Don't forget you can help raise money for the PTA just by using easyfundraising.org.uk in your online purchasing and details of this have been shared with parents via the Warlingham Week.

Finally, I wanted to remind parents of the date for Warlstock 3 our summer music festival on the front lawn that will take place on Saturday 12th July this year with what already promises to be a fantastic range and quality of live music from students, alumni and even staff! Make sure you get it in your calendars now, as you won't want to miss it. If you are a Local business owner or work in a local business we are also looking for event sponsors, equally if you can volunteer to help on the day, we need plenty of support to put on an even bigger and better event this year – for either please contact the PTA.

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Last but not least, I know many of you, like me will have children who started their exams today or will do this week and I wanted to personally take this opportunity to wish them all the very best of luck for the exam period.

Have a good week.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Foster', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher